

the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that stands for the countless ultimate sacrifices of our military men and women in pursuit of preserving our American freedoms.

I am proud to highlight the people of Jenks, Oklahoma as they honor our great veterans in their local veterans park with the installation of a beautiful garden that stands as a powerful memorial to our heroes that we may not know, but must never forget.

I grieve for the many heroes that have been lost and celebrate their courage and dedication to fight in defense of the constitutional freedoms and liberties we celebrate today. May God give the unknown but unforgotten rest, and may God bless America.

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OCTOBER CONSTITUENT OF THE  
MONTH

**HON. MIKE LEVIN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Retired Army Maj. Gen. Peggy C. Combs as my October Constituent of the Month. Maj. Gen. Combs is a perfect example of a courageous leader who has gone above and beyond to serve our country and enrich our community.

Maj. Gen. Combs is now the 16th President and first woman to lead the Army and Navy Academy in my district. In this role, President Combs leads the 112-year-old preparatory school and helps instill excellence and character traits in its students. She brings over three decades of military service to this position and serves as a role model to all.

Ahead of Veterans Day, I am proud to honor an esteemed veteran like Maj. Gen. Combs, who bravely served our county and continues to contribute to our unique and beautiful district. Maj. Gen. Combs' expansive military and academic background and experience with ROTC programs make her an excellent choice for this role, and I'm proud to honor Army Maj. Gen. Peggy C. Combs as my October Constituent of the Month.

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HONORING THE LIFE ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
CHRISTINE HOLOWACZ

**HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life achievements of my longtime constituent Christine Holowacz, a community activist and environmental champion in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York. Christine immigrated from Poland in 1972 and attended high school here where she quickly learned English. Having a voice here was something she did not take lightly. As an early homeowner in the neighborhood, she became engaged in community issues and rose to become the president of the Greenpoint Property Owners Association. This fits a pattern for Christine over the last 25 years: she becomes involved, leads the charge, and works to find solutions for what seem to be intractable problems.

Christine Holowacz is emblazoned in my mind being at the forefront of the fight to cleanup one of the most environmentally impacted neighborhoods in New York City. Greenpoint today hosts two Superfund cleanup sites and the largest oil spill in the country. Christine was there in our effort to get the sites on the National Priorities List and played a key role ensuring a measure of relief from the devastation of the Greenpoint oil spill through the Greenpoint Community Environmental Fund. Many, including her children growing up, recall her advocacy at countless meetings: "No power plants! Less garbage, more cleanups!" She stepped up to become a founding member of Newtown Creek Alliance and played a pivotal role in the reconstruction of the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant and its Newtown Creek Monitoring Committee (1999 to 2012), and the construction of the massive Kosciuszko Bridge Project (2013 to 2020) leveraging community amenities in open space. Christine has played a lead role in Greenpoint Waterfront Association for Parks and Planning, the North Brooklyn Community Boathouse, Neighbors Allied for Good Growth, the Newtown Creek Superfund Community Advisory Group, to name a few.

Christine is respected by generations of neighbors and leaders. Indeed, Christine Holowacz is honored today at the Newtown Creek Alliance 20th-anniversary "Tidal Toast" gala with the Revitalize Award for her life-long dedication. I too raise a toast to Christine Holowacz, who has made North Brooklyn a better place to live. May Christine continue this work for another 25 years.

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HONORING THE LEGACY AND EXCELLENCE OF WALLACE HARDWARE

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the most outstanding companies in the state of Tennessee, Wallace Hardware, which is celebrating 100 years in business in Morristown, Tennessee. As a regional distributor of hardlines, lumber, and building material products, Wallace Hardware has remained committed to customer service and dealer relationships, always based on honesty and integrity.

With humble beginnings, rapid growth and ever-expanding customer service that began in 1921, W.B. Whittaker and S.M. Holtsinger partnered with D.M. Wallace to start a wholesale hardware business that was chartered in 1922. During this time, salesmen traveled by horseback, collecting orders, and mailing them to the home office. Then, merchandise was picked, packed, and delivered either by wagon, rail, or truck. In 1944 the thriving business changed its name to Wallace Hardware Company and in 1955, after the death of D.M. Wallace, the reigns were passed to his brother, J.G. Wallace, who led the company until January 1959. Then, D.M. Wallace's son, John D. Wallace, was named President and Chief Executive Officer.

With thirty-fold growth and a coverage area expanding far beyond the Lakeway region to encompass eleven states, the company

thrived under the leadership of John D. Wallace until 2002 when he was succeeded by Stanley Snowden until 2008, followed by Doyle Wallace, John's son. Doyle joined the family business as a nine-year-old boy, working in the warehouse on Saturdays and during the summers, and after graduation from Carson-Newman College in 1975 with his bachelor's degree in business administration, he moved to Memphis to join the staff of the newly acquired farm equipment division of the company, King Wallace, Inc. Doyle then moved in 1977 to Chattanooga to join another sister farm equipment company, Southeastern-Wallace, returning in 1984 to become the PRO Program Director at Wallace Hardware. Over the next few years, he worked as a buyer and manager of the company's industrial division.

Wallace Hardware's service, price, breadth of product, friendliness, and reputation as a customer-oriented distributor have provided a competitive edge, all the while maintaining the company's goal of being "large enough to supply you, small enough to know you."

Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Wallace Hardware on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary and to applaud this company's ongoing legacy of integrity and commitment to excellence. I wish Wallace Hardware much continued success in all its future endeavors.

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HONORING MAYOR TOM BRADY OF  
BULLHEAD CITY, AZ

**HON. PAUL A. GOSAR**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Tom Brady of Bullhead City, Arizona. Mayor Brady will be retiring after eight years of service to this beautiful city located along the border of Arizona, Nevada, and California. Mayor Brady has made this spectacular, picturesque city along the Colorado River a major tourist destination, leading to economic flourishing while creating a positive, safe environment that entices those looking for a great place to raise a family.

Mayor Brady has spent his entire life in service to his country and neighbors. He served on the 173rd Airborne Brigade, where he earned a Bronze Star Medal. His leadership skills allowed for a natural transition to positions of prestige within the community, first as Justice of the Peace in Bullhead City for 10 years and then as Mohave County Parks Director for 19 years.

Mayor Brady has not limited the use of his personal gifts to his profession. He has volunteered in a wide range of activities, from work as a board member of the Salvation Army and the Colorado River Boys and Girls Club to activism within the America Legion.

I would like to thank Mayor Brady's wife, Karen, for her willingness to share the talents of her husband with the residents of Bullhead City. I wish her and Mayor Brady the best of retirement and more fruitful future endeavors.

HONORING ANNE STARR AS IOWAN  
OF THE WEEK

## HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Anne Starr who is the CEO of Orchard Place in Des Moines. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and I couldn't think of a better advocate and leader on mental health than Mrs. Starr.

Orchard Place works closely with children and youth who have mental health illnesses, behavioral health challenges, battle substance abuse, suffer from trauma, and more. Through early intervention and appropriate care, Orchard Place is developing strong futures for children and their families. Orchard Place offers comprehensive mental health and behavioral health services designed specifically for children and adolescents. These services are delivered by compassionate and highly trained physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, residential treatment staff, and psychologists. Our behavioral and mental health services include mental health consultation, psychiatric therapy, residential treatment, outpatient mental health therapy, school-based therapy, social skill development, and many more great services.

Anne Starr is a native Iowan, graduating from Fort Dodge High School, the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in Psychology, and from the University of Iowa with a master's in social work. She has been in the human services delivery field for more than 30 years. Her career began as a live-in direct care staff in a residential group care setting. She spent fifteen years as a mental health clinician at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Orchard Place, and in private practice. During the past 20 years, she has served in administrative roles as a Senior Vice President of Program and Policy for Mosaic with corporate headquarters in Omaha, NE; President and CEO of Buckhorn Children and Family Services, with corporate headquarters in Buckhorn, KY; and Executive Director of Hamilton County's Child Welfare Collaborative in Cincinnati, OH. Starr returned to Orchard Place as the CEO in March of 2013. She has been involved in children's mental health and disability public policy and advocacy efforts across multiple states and at the federal level.

Each year, Anne, and her team at Orchard Place work with around 8,000 children and adolescents of all ages from all over Iowa who need individual help and support. Their goal is to help develop strong futures for children suffering from mental illnesses, behavioral health challenges, substance abuse issues, severe trauma, and more. Under Anne's leadership, she and her team have changed thousands of lives and made our community stronger and helped to destigmatize mental health. I will continue to fight in Congress to support leaders like Anne and organizations like Orchard Place to ensure Iowans have access to the mental health care that they need. It is my pleasure to recognize Anne Starr as Iowan of the Week.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, SPIRIT,  
AND LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE  
REVEREND THOMAS JAMES, SVD

## HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life, spirit, and leadership of Reverend Thomas James, SVD, the Divine Word Missionaries.

It is with great honor, admiration, and deep privilege that we celebrate the life of Rev. Thomas Anthony James, SVD, who died peacefully on Friday, October 28, after a lifetime of priestly service. He was born on June 11, 1942, in St. Martinville, Louisiana, to Collins Henry James, Sr., and Eva Anthony James and is the eldest of three children.

Father James was educated at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School in St. Martinville. He pursued his studies at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Auxiliary Bishop Warren Boudreaux of the Diocese of Lafayette on December 18, 1969. Recognizing the need for and importance of increasing vocations to the priesthood among African Americans, Father James became an active member of the Black Clergy Association and devoted himself to that cause and to his ministry.

His first assignment was at Verbum Dei Catholic High School in Los Angeles, California, where he served as Teacher and Principal for almost 20 years. He returned to Louisiana in 1987 and was named Associate Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lafayette. The following year, he was named Pastor at St. Edward Catholic Church in New Iberia and served as Episcopal Vicar of the South Region of the Diocese of Lafayette under Bishop Edward O'Donnell.

In 2002, Father James returned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lafayette to serve as Pastor. This church had been built to accommodate the "First Four" African American priests ordained in the United States, and several of them had been stationed there. A deep historian, Father James connected the parish and its people to the "First Four," understanding their struggles and persevering in service with gratitude. One of his proudest accomplishments was erecting a Memorial to these "First Four" African American Priests on the grounds of Immaculate Heart.

In 2015, Father James was named Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Broussard, and St. Anthony Mission Chapel in Cade. During his time at Immaculate Heart and in Broussard, Father James served as Episcopal Vicar of the Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette under Bishop Michael Jarrell and for a brief time under Bishop Douglas Deshotel. In addition, he served three terms as Vice-Provincial for the Southern Province of the Divine Word Ministries and served several terms on the Provincial Council. He dedicated himself to mentoring young priests throughout the course of his ministry, and he embraced a paradigm of truth and service in his quest to share God's Word and open hearts, one person at a time.

He was dedicated to service in his support of Miles Perret Cancer Services, Veterans programs, and Hospice of Acadiana, where he

served on the Board of Directors. He loved teaching, reading, enjoying time with his friends, fishing, and listening to music. He was a great storyteller, and most of all, he loved to serve God's people and he loved being with his family, whom he cherished so deeply.

Father James was preceded in death by his parents, Collins and Eva James, his nephew and Godson, Collins James III, great-nephew Christian James Batiste, great-niece Skylar Elizabeth Batiste, and great-nephew Denzel Anthony Batiste; and a host of other relatives.

He is survived by his siblings, Sister Geneva James, SSF, and Collins James, Jr. and his wife, Hazel; his niece Louise and her husband, Amos Batiste, Jr.; great nephews Dylan and Tyler Batiste and Brandon Chapman; great-nieces Naseyani and Khylee James and their mother, Forqueena James; and a host of relatives and friends.

I'm sending prayers to Father James' family, friends, students, colleagues, and church community.

He will be so missed.

I take comfort that now, he is at peace with his Savior in heaven.

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## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2022*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Magazine for its work to provide comprehensive coverage of women's issues and to celebrate the magazine's fiftieth anniversary.

When feminist activists Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Pittman Hughes started Ms. Magazine in December 1971 with a 40-page insert inside New York magazine, few could have predicted its longevity and its far-reaching impact. But the magazine immediately struck a chord with women, selling 300,000 copies in eight days and generating 26,000 subscription orders and more than 20,000 reader letters within weeks.

While most magazines marketed to women at the time emphasized domestic topics such as the importance of finding a husband, Ms. Magazine featured stories on prominent women's issues including abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, domestic violence, and sexual harassment.

In July 1972, the first issue of Ms. Magazine was published with an image of Wonder Woman on the cover. In the same issue, 53 women, including Billie Jean King, Nora Ephron, and Gloria Steinem, signed a "we have had abortions petition," one year before the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

In the years following, Ms. Magazine has covered and influenced the feminist movement. On a personal note, the magazine also profoundly impacted my career aspirations and legislative agenda in both the New York City Council and in Congress.

Over the course of my career, I didn't have to call Ms. five times to convince them to cover issues and legislation like the Debbie Smith Act, the horrific crime of sex trafficking, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Ms. also faithfully chronicled my 20-year fight to create the National Women's History